

## THE NATIONAL CAPITAL.

Passage of the Bill Increasing the Pensions of Permanently Disabled Soldiers.

Various Important Changes Made in the Sundry Civil Bill.

The Democrats Bodily Desert the Tariff Conference Committee.

Smooth Sailing Assured if the Protectionists are Protected.

The Harbor Bill Causes a Rustle of Lead Wings in the House.

The Reduced Jumbo, fired by the Dead, is Lightly Touched by the Living.

## CAPITOL NOTES.

Special Dispatch to the Bee.

THE SUNDAY CIVIL BILL.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—The sundry civil appropriation bill as amended by the senate committee on appropriations, was reported this morning by Allison and ordered printed. The senate committee increase the amount of the bill as passed by the house by \$1,418,000. Among the items added by the senate committee are the following: For dry dock at Mare Island, \$15,000; life saving service and new life saving stations, \$15,000; new Orleans custom house, \$15,000; furniture, gas fixtures, &c., of public buildings, \$100,000; completion Washington monument, \$100,000; public printing and binding, \$400,000; new naval observatory, \$200,000; surveying public lands, \$50,000; protection of public lands from fraudulent entry, \$30,000; protection and improvement of the Yellowstone park, \$250,000; bureau of engraving and printing (expenses), \$124,000. The committee have stricken out the item of \$324,000 for construction and repairs of military posts and \$200,000 for executive travel and agreement with the Sioux Indians. The house provision relative to Yellowstone park was stricken out and a new paragraph inserted, authorizing the secretary of the interior to lease not exceeding 80 acres within the park, but not to include the geysers or other objects of interest. All previous contracts will be declared invalid. The committee also strike out the clause relating to the pre-emption laws.

RE-CONSIDERATION. Minister of foreign affairs, head of the Malagasy embassy, and Ravindroka, his colleague, will arrive here next week. The senate has ratified the supplemental extradition treaty with Spain.

THE TARIFF AGAIN. Senators Bayard and Beck withdrew from the conference committee on the senate tariff bill, after sitting two hours vainly endeavoring to have the house resolution reported to the senate with an expression that it limited the house conference; therefore under the Ingalls resolution the senate conference must withdraw. Senators Morrill, Sherman and Aldrich did not agree with Bayard and Beck as to the necessity of withdrawal, and proceeded to consider the schedule. The two democratic senators going out left Carlisle alone, as free trade member.

He soon after left the committee room and went to the house, not, however formally withdrawing. The matter of constitutional prerogative of the house was left for the present, the presumption being that it will not be raised if the bill can be made to suit the protectionists. The committee sat till nearly 12 o'clock and discussed the chemical schedule without making any material change. The important articles were not reached. To-morrow morning the iron schedule will be first considered. It is expected Bayard and Beck will report to the senate to-morrow that under the condition of the Ingalls resolution, the senate conference could not remain, and request the recall of the senate's committee. This report is not likely to prevail, and the conference will doubtless go on until consideration of the bill will be completed.

RECKLESS AGAIN. In the star route case to-day, Ingersoll announced he had finished with Rerdell. Merrick contested the re-direct examination. Witness said in December last he told Valle he was in communication with the government; was trying to get out of the case. Valle said he had done well; that if it had not been for the fact that the (Valle) had been on the stand at the last trial he would—

Davidge objecting the answer was unfinished. Witness first learned the government was willing to accept him as a witness on the night he went to Merrick's house. He was given to understand he must plead guilty and have no favor to expect. Witness explained that his reasons for going over to the government were Dorsey's coming to the jail and threatening him with those letters; also the fact that Dorsey or some one had "gone through" his office while he was in jail convinced him that he had been deserted by Dorsey, whose purpose was to get him out of the way. Witness did not see Brady go into Chamberlain's, but knew from Dorsey's conversation that Brady was in the house. Adjourned.

CONFIRMATIONS. Decius Wade, chief justice of Montana; John B. Allen, attorney, Washington territory; Wm. E. Church, associate justice of the supreme court of Dakota; Thos. Jones, jr., brother

of Senator Jones, was to-day nominated postmaster of Cleveland, O.

## CONGRESSIONAL.

Special Dispatch to the Bee.

SENATE PROCEEDINGS.

WASHINGTON, February 28.—In the senate Senator Edmunds, from the committee on judiciary, reported adversely on the house bill to provide for a restoration to citizenship of such citizens of the United States as have become naturalized citizens of Great Britain.

Senator Tabor offered a joint resolution providing for a participation by the government in the national mining and industrial exposition to be held in Denver.

The bill increasing pensions of one armed and one legged soldiers was taken up. Pending question was on the motion of Senator Vest, to strike out the words "Or shall have suffered disability equal thereto."

Senator Voorhees declared in favor of the bill.

Senator Mitchell stated it would require two million to carry out the provision of the bill.

Senator Harris moved indefinite postponement of the bill.

Senator Saulsbury supported the motion, Van Wyck opposing postponement.

Senator Vest advocated the bill, but believed the "equivalent disability" clause would open the doors for fraud. Hence he opposed that clause.

Senator Sherman favored increase of pensions to soldiers who lost an arm or leg, or those suffering equal disability from any actual wound received in the service.

The motion to postpone indefinitely was lost—19 to 34. Senator Vest's amendment striking out the "equivalent disability clause" was lost—ayes 20, nays 22.

Mr. Platt offered a substitute, which was adopted—31 to 7.

The amendment providing pensions for survivors of Mexican and Indian wars was lost.

Mr. Williams spoke in favor of pensioning the Mexican veterans, and incidentally expressed the opinion that the increase of the pension bill would take sixty millions the first year. The bill was reported to the senate and the amendments made in committee of the whole occurred in. The bill, as amended, passed—27 to 14.

The bill as passed provides that from the passage of the act, all persons on the pension roll and all persons hereafter granted pension, who while in the military or naval service of the United States in line of duty, or been totally or permanently disabled as to render their incapacity to perform manual labor, equivalent to the loss of a hand or foot, shall receive a pension of \$24 a month; that all persons now on the pension roll and all persons hereafter granted pension, who in like manner shall have lost either an arm or above the elbow, or a leg at or above the knee, or shall have been otherwise so disabled as to be incapacitated for performing any manual labor, but not so much as to require regular personal aid and attendance, shall receive a pension of \$30 a month.

Senator Allison reported the sundry civil bill and said he would call it up to-morrow. After executive session the senate adjourned.

HOUSE PROCEEDINGS. The house went into a committee of the whole on the state of the union and after a brief contest in regard to the respective claims for precedence of the deficiency and river and harbor bills the consideration of the latter measure was resumed.

Commenting on last year's veto of the river and harbor bill, Mr. Moilan expressed the opinion that it was inexcusable in the high executive officer to speak in terms of disrespect of the legislature which he was advising. The impropriety became much more offensive when accompanied with a great display of ignorance. He had never known an executive to be so inconsiderate and disrespectful. He would permit a man to denounce a vote of his as unworthy of respect without calling upon him to prove it. He thanked God he could brand a man, if not as a calumniator, as a man ignorant of facts.

Mr. Burrows defended the report of the committee on the Mississippi river. Mr. Butterworth thought the waters of the Mississippi could be confined within mud walls without a compromise.

FITTING. February 28.—The Western Mail Association met to-day and decided to close factories two weeks more, beginning next Monday. No changes in rates were made. The outlook for spring trade is encouraging.

Where is Phoebe? BOSTON, February 28.—The house defeated, 127 to 60, the bill giving female citizens the right to vote for city and town officers, hold city and town offices and vote at town meetings.

The Pigeon Shooters. CHICAGO, February 28.—Arrangements have been completed for a match between Carver and Bogardus at the Chicago driving park Saturday. 100 birds each, five ground traps, London gun club rules, 80 yards boundary.

How Kind of Them. ALBANY, N. Y., February 28.—The assembly congressional apportionment committee referred to a sub committee in New York city districts with a view, it is said, of giving one district to the republicans.

Canada and Mexico. OTTAWA, February 28.—It is understood the government has consented to subsidize a direct steamship line with Mexico. \$50,000 will be placed in the estimate.

THE LAND LAWS. PROTECTION TO SETTLERS. WASHINGTON, February 26.—A very

effort is being made in the

to effect the proposed legislation in the house to repeal the pre-emption laws and amend the homestead laws. Senator Conger is very active in behalf of this effort, and thinks he will be able to have the provision stricken from the sundry civil appropriation bill, in which it was inserted by the house. Maj. Stratt said to-day he did not believe the legislation would pass the senate. Under the rule adopted by the senate the clause would undoubtedly be stricken from the bill, and could not be reintroduced except in conference, and it was extremely doubtful whether it could be done there. Gen. Washburn is very active in trying to secure the passage of the provision by the senate. In regard to the argument of Mr. Conger that the proposed change of existing land laws was in the interest of land speculators as against the poor settlers, Mr. Washburn said he defied any man to show that it is in the interest of any one but the bona fide settlers. It was understood that a large number of fraudulent entries in the Dakota land district had been made in the interest of certain lumbermen, which might possibly account for the interest taken in the matter by certain Michigan people. The terms of the provision were endorsed by the secretary of the interior and the commissioner of the general land office, to which it had been submitted before it was presented to the house. It is understood that Senator Plumb, chairman of the senate committee on public lands, and also a member of the committee on appropriations, favors the legislation, and will endeavor to have it pass the senate. Delegates Pettigrew and Maginnis are both opposed to it, although the latter says he has heard very little from the people about it. He thinks some other course might be pursued to prevent the frauds committed under the pre-emption law than by repealing it.

THE NEWELL FIREBOX WHITE-WASHED. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

MILWAUKEE, February 28.—The grand jury in the Newhall disaster made a final report this afternoon. The document says: The Newhall was constructed as substantially as such buildings generally. There is scarcely a hotel in the country which is as easy of access. It vindicates the landlord, except that he never instructed the help as to their duties in case of fire, and censures the coroner for the manner the morgue was kept.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

CITY OF MEXICO, February 28.—James Mammelloff, general manager of the Mexican National bank, reports. Gustavo Stratt, merchant, temporarily succeeds him. The settlement of the Mexican debt to the English bond holders is again rumored. The official organ states that the president thinks the time for settlement has arrived. No official negotiations are on foot.

CRESCENT CITY CRUMBS. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

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A MINT OF MONEY. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

PHILADELPHIA, February 28.—Mint coins for February 6,265,440 pieces, valued at \$1,190,360.

The citizens' committee, while favoring the retention of League Island by the government, say its abandonment will not be detrimental to the city, as the 617 acres are fairly worth one million and a quarter.

Wrecked by a Rail. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

CHICAGO, February 28.—Later advice from the railway accident at Palatine, Ill., shows one child was killed and twelve persons injured, none seriously. All trains resumed their journey. A number of them were en route. Five cars turned over. Cause, broken rail.

A Legislator's Leap. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

LITTLE ROCK, February 28.—W. M. Davidson, member of the legislature from Sharp county, while intoxicated, jumped into the river last evening and drowned. The body has not been recovered. Both houses adjourned in respect of his memory.

The Nail Workers in Meeting. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

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## THE OLD WORLD.

The Revealed Villainy of Socialism Startles the People of Spain.

An alusion the Hot-Bed of the "Black Hand" Band of Butchers.

British Press Comments on the Applications for Sheridan and Byrne.

The Latter Closely Confined in Paris, Charged with Assassination.

GENERAL FOREIGN NEWS. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

SOCIALISM IN SPAIN. MADRID, February 28.—In the chamber of deputies Candam submitted an interpellation in regard to the socialist troubles in Andalusia. He declared that a society, the "Black Hand," existed for the extermination of individual rights of property. He exhorted the government to vigorously repress the organization.

The minister of the interior replied he had known of the existence of "Black Hand" and had placed the affair in the hands of the judicial authorities. The prefects of Andalusia were commanded to protect farmers. A band of masked and armed men, supposed to belong to the "Black Hand," entered a farm house at Puerto Serrano, Andalusia, murdered the husband, outraged the woman and destroyed everything. Several plantations in Andalusia were partially destroyed by similar bands.

BYRNE IN PRISON. PARIS, February 28.—Byrne, before the public prosecutor, reiterated his replies at the prefecture of police, denied the assassination and refused to answer further questions. He is kept a close prisoner. No visitors will be allowed to see him until the ministers have finally decided the question of extradition.

CRACK SHOTS. LONDON, February 28.—The duke of Cambridge, presiding at a meeting of the National Rifle association, said the association was for the purpose of giving the American team a most hearty welcome at Wimbledon.

DETENTION IN IRELAND. LOUGHRENN, February 28.—The distress among the people here is alarming. Crows are daily besieging the houses of priests, clamoring for food.

IRISH REVENUE. DUBLIN, February 28.—In the election for parliament for Port Arington, R. A. French Beaudet, conservative, received seventy votes; Mayne, national, fifty-seven.

MAINTA, February 28.—The steamer "William Dickinson" was abandoned at sea. Thirteen of the crew are missing and fourteen saved.

BOMB THROWERS SAVED. ROME, February 28.—Three emigrants from Trieste, and six others were arrested, being implicated in throwing the bombs yesterday. It is believed the gang are all arrested.

SHERIDAN AND BYRNE. LONDON, February 28.—The Times says the application for the extradition of Byrne and Sheridan justify the belief the government have a strong prima facie case to lay before the French and American authorities. There will be strong popular protests in France and America against the extradition of persons who it will be alleged are being prosecuted for what is really political offense. American judges are not inaccessible to political influence, and the fear of the Irish vote is ever before the eyes of the American people.

THEY HAVE ARRIVED. BERLIN, February 28.—The duke and duchess of Edinburgh have arrived here.

A HIGH SOCIAL EVENT. BERLIN, February 28.—The silver wedding festivities of the crown prince and princess, which was postponed at the time of the anniversary of the wedding, on account of the death of Prince Charles, took place to-day. The streets were thronged with people and hosts of the crown prince and princess were exhibited at various points, and the city will be illuminated to-night. The emperor William, paid a visit to the duke and duchess.

Stock in New Mexico. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

SANTA FE, February 27.—Reports from the stock sections show that stock has wintered remarkably well and there have been few losses. The sheep men report some losses in the western portion of the territory. In Nalencia, Berndillo and Rio Arriba counties the losses foot up \$20,000. The cattle are now doing finely, but a scarcity of water and grass is reported in the northern section, but no serious results are apprehended.

Two Crooks Caught. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

CHICAGO, February 28.—Gilbert Yost and "Bid" Honihan were arrested here for connection with the robbery of Val's jewelry store at La Porte, Ind., some weeks ago. Six hundred dollars worth of diamonds of the \$15,000 of the property stolen was recovered. They are known to the police as two of the most expert criminals in the country.

The Railroad Riot. CHICAGO, February 28.—The riotous demonstration is more serious than reported in these dispatches as having occurred a few nights ago when made upon the Chicago and Evanston railroad. About mid-

night a band of 300 men, well organized, marched up Southport avenue to Fullerton avenue. They were equipped with crowbars, flammies, pickaxes, and under the direction of chosen leaders proceeded to tear up the track. Five hundred feet of rails were torn up and twisted out of shape and the ties and roadbed completely destroyed for that distance. The police had expected a riot but the mob by a stratagem had deceived the officers as to the time and place. When the latter arrived the rioters formed in line and marched some distance in an orderly manner and dispersed. No arrests.

TELEGRAPH NOTES. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

Hank Monk, the famous stage driver, is dead at Carson City, Nev.

During the cross-examination of Rerdell, yesterday afternoon, the latter called Ingersoll a puppy, and Ingersoll called Rerdell a dirty dog.

Charles H. Gate probably fatally shot Widow M. S. Anderson at Lawrence, Mass., an ex-killed himself. Gate leaves a widow and family in Boston.

Louis P. Carman, ex-secretary of the Manhattan fire insurance company, of New York, has been missing since Sunday. The accounts of the company are short \$40,000.

The receivers of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Coal and Iron companies formally surrendered to the officers of the companies control of the property of those corporations.

Better Late Than Never. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—A Frenchman named Desiere Howet, has for over a year been maintaining illicit relations with the wife of Antonio Quinbela. The husband discovered the relations and the wife confessed the guilt. To-night was fixed upon when Howet should make explanations in the presence of all. Howet arrived before the husband, began liberties with the wife, and protesting, Howet persisting she plunged a knife into his heart, killing him instantly.

Maine Fusionists. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

AUGUSTA, Me., February 28.—The fusion greenback state central committee decided to act with the democratic party in 1884; that the Solon Chase greenbackers be ignored in the future; also that at present they belonged to the "union" party, and any one calling himself a democrat or greenbacker got a cold shoulder. It was agreed a big fight should be made against the republicans in the spring election.

The Oyster War. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

NORFOLK, Va., February 28.—One of the steamers of the oyster expedition returned with a portion of the troops, one puny as a prize, one white man and six negroes, prisoners. The governor found a fleet of twenty-six vessels at work in Virginia waters, about the mouth of the Potomac and only got one; seventy-five rounds of musketry and twenty-six solid shots were fired at the vessels that got off Rip river and took shelter on the Maryland side.

East Saginaw, Mich., February 28.—The republican state convention convened this morning. John S. Newberry was made permanent chairman. For justice, short term; Thomas J. O'Brien, of Kent; for regent of the university, full term, Harry B. Hutchins; regent short term, J. C. Jones' Saginaw. A motion to adjourn was voted down. The convention broke up amid confusion.

The Diamond Pit. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

BRAIDWOOD, February 28.—Twenty-four feet of water still remain to be pumped out before the search can be made for the bodies. The pumps are working badly. Two new engines are expected to-morrow. The relief committee made arrangements for burial of the dead to-day. They will be buried in the spot set apart in the city cemetery. The relief fund reached \$11,000 to-day.

The Stowaway Case. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

NEW YORK, February 28.—Thomas Does, the stowaway of the wrecked steamer Glamorgan, kept in durance by Capt. Irving and First Officer Barrett, of the rescuing steamer Republic, on suspicion of participation in the piracy park murders, has begun a suit for \$10,000 damages. Orders for arrest were granted against the officers.

Texas Findings. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

AUSTIN, February 28.—A negro was hung by an infuriated mob last night at Elgin for attempting to rape a little school girl yesterday morning.

The legislature to-day defeated the prohibition measure by an overwhelming majority and also passed a resolution to purchase the Alamo site in San Antonio for \$20,000.

Chicago Iron Mills. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

CHICAGO, February 28.—The directors of the suspended Union Iron and steel company held a secret meeting, at which, it is said, they resolved to submit a proposition to the stockholders, at a meeting to be held March 12, to issue \$1,400,000 preferred stock on which to start the mills again.

Train Robbers Sentenced. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

ELKO, Nev., February 28.—The train robbers all pleaded guilty to assault to rob and asked to be sentenced immediately. Noy, Hawley and Frances were sentenced to 14 years; Earl and Jackson to 12, in the penitentiary.

An Embroiderer's Suicide. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

NEW YORK, February 28.—Johannes Geiselman, formerly letter carrier in Wurttemberg, Germany, was arrested on the steamer Bothnia to-day, as the vessel neared the dock. Geisel-

man shot himself, dying instantly. He was charged with embezzlement.

A Big Railroad Casualty. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

PALATINE, Ill., February 28.—Three cars of a Dakota train on the Chicago & Northwestern road were derailed near here at noon. One child was killed and about fifty passengers were wounded.

Jewell's Successor. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

HARTFORD, February 28.—Senator Orville H. Platt was elected member of the republican national committee in place of the late Marshall Jewell.

Making a Mash. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

NEW YORK, February 28.—Straag's snuff mills, at Dutch Hills, and the machinery on Long Island, were seized and destroyed by revenue officers.

STRUCK IT RICH. The Suburb of Englewood Furnishes a Romance Wherein a Gentlemanly Tramp Does Not Steal the Spoon, But Runs Against a Fortune.

Chicago Times. The village of Englewood has been this week the scene of a romantic reunion of two brothers who had not seen each other for upward of twenty years, and to one of the pair, at least, the occasion was a particularly joyful one. Some weeks ago a tramp applied at the residence of H. L. Frantz, on Sixtieth street, for food and a night's lodging. He had the manner and demeanor of a gentleman, but his clothes were the uniform of a tramp. His coat was in rags, his toes peeped through his dilapidated boots and played hide and seek with Jack Frost, his hair was ragged and uncombed, and misery sat enthroned upon his face. Mr. Frantz gave him food, of which he ravenously partook, and when told he might sleep in the house he gratefully accepted of a room with his socks. He protested the luxury of a bed beneath a comfortable roof would kill him, and begged that his coat and blanket in the woodshed. This property, which he said was all he could stand, became his portion, and that night he slept a sort of a you-don't-know-what-a-soft-thing-you've-got-sleep, awakening in the morning with an expressed determination to do up the family chores in return for his host's kindness. This privilege was granted him and he remained at the house doing odd jobs of work to pay his way. One day this week he returned from a marketing expedition, with the change remaining out of a sum of money that had been entrusted to him and several huge bundles. Later in the day he appeared before the bewildered Mr. Frantz, dressed in the height of fashion, his smoothly combed locks surmounted by a glossy tile of the best make, and a gold chain dangling from a vest in the pocket of which there flickered merrily a \$300 gold watch. Nearly wild with joy he unfolded his benefactor that the day previous he had by accident met in Englewood a brother twenty years, but who instead of being buried in the wilds of Montana, where he had amassed a snug fortune of \$500,000, and that the Montana brother had declared his intention to share his comfortable competency with the tramp brother, provided he would accompany him back to Montana. The tramp brother bid Mr. Frantz goodbye, kicked his threadbare rags and his hard lot contingent upon his tramp life into the alley, and with his generous brother went out into his new world of prosperity.

THE GERMAN BED. Troubles of an American in Adapting Himself to the Length of the Blankets.

Berlin Letter. And that bed is enough to make a man stoop-shouldered. It's about as broad as a knife-blade, as hard as a billiard table, and six inches too short. I couldn't straighten out in it to save my life. I had to lie all twisted up like a knot, like a rattlesnake ready to strike. But I could have made out even with that, if it had not been for that feather concern which they palmed off on me for a coverlet. That was too short; about a foot and a half shorter than the bed. I tried to cover my shoulders, my feet got so cold that the nails nearly dropped off, and when I tried to save my toes, my shoulders were covered with goose-pimples as big as hazel nuts. When I'd get one side of the thing tucked in nice around me, all the feathers would go sliding over to the other side, leaving nothing but a double thickness of cloth (and mighty cold cloth, too, I tell you) to keep me warm on that side. And as the feathers would all congregate on the other side, that side would rise up so that the whole bed would be an interval of about two inches for the pure air of heaven to find an entrance and circulate around my shivering body. If I'd hit a hillock of feathers a rap to make 'em even, the whole confounded thing would fly up, and I fought those feathers nearly all night, and never did manage to get 'em fixed right for more than a minute at a time. Every time I'd wink the whole thing would assume a new attitude. And that infernal wedge-shaped bolster nearly broke my neck until I went rummaging around and found it. Then, after I had pitched them off onto the floor, I couldn't find any pillow until I had pulled the whole bed to pieces. And when I did find it, it was so small that I had to get all the feathers in one corner and tie a knot in the tick to deceive myself into the belief that I had a pillow under my head. But that bolster business took the cake. Who ever heard of a wedge-shaped bolster as hard and unyielding as a Kansas City cottoled biscuit? Made just exactly like a mattress, you know—sewed through and through and covered with bed-ticking.

## FLOATING CITIES.

The Devastation Wrought by the Ohio Flood on its Downward Course.

Shawneetown, Ill., Almost Swept Away by the Torrent.

Several Towns on the Kentucky Side Practically Wiped Out.

Hundreds of Houses Floating with the Tide.

SHAWNEETOWN, Ill., February 28.—The worst is over here. The town is an awful scene of desolation. Great gaps have been left by houses swept away. In one addition four solid blocks of dwellings have entirely disappeared. The Presbyterian church floated away a mile. Several mills and business houses are entirely gone. The principal merchant in Blackburn, Ky., has a stock of \$12,000 worth of dry goods on a barge tied to a tree. The villages of Blackburn and Raleigh, Ky., have both been nearly wiped out. Over one hundred houses in these places are gone. At Columbus, Ky., over ten feet of water spread over the town lying nearly all the stores.

Dispatches from Cairo, say opinions differ as to the condition of the river, but the prevailing one is that it has been at a stand since noon. It rose nearly one inch since last night, the gauge recording 52 feet, 2 inches. That it will begin falling some time to-night there is no possible doubt, as advices from Paducah and Grand Tower report the river falling at those points. The levees are still in good shape, and no washes or abrasions have yet developed.

Specials from Grayville report the river having fallen 27 inches all told, and dropping at the rate of one inch an hour.

Columbus, Ky., is reported a very bad plight, from ten to fifteen feet of water over the town, with two to three feet in the stores. Roan and Kentucky streets only are open for business, and but two stores in the place open, and these reached by high scaffolding from the hills. There is considerable suffering among the poorer classes.

The negroes all escaped from the low lands and are quartered in freight cars of the Mobile and Ohio railroad. An unusual event in the navigation of the Ohio even at flood times is the voyage of the M. C. Cole, Wednesday, bound up with crane boat in tow which she found impossible to handle against the strong current. She left the main river at the lower ootwood crossing, passed into the fields in the rear of New Liberty, and emerged again into the river three miles above.

Capt. Arthur Cole was in command, and the train was made with great speed. The train was made with great speed. The train was made with great speed.

The people are fighting the angry waters with energy and pluck and will pull through.

Will Have Toddy. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

ST. LOUIS, February 28.—The committee on constitutional amendments of the lower house of the Missouri legislature have in their possession 823 petitions asking that prohibitory amendments be submitted to the people of the state and 47,581 remonstrances against such an action. The committee will report unfavorably on a joint resolution providing for such submission.

The Establishment Seized. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

CHICAGO, February 28.—Geo. H. Taylor & Co., the large paper and printing establishment, have confessed judgment this morning for \$120,000. The place was seized by the sheriff and is now in the hands of a deputy sheriff.

Taylor says the debts of the firm, will aggregate about \$400,000, and he believed if the outstanding accounts can be realized on in full he can pay dollar for dollar.

An Earthquake in Rhode Island. Special Dispatch to the Bee.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., February 28.—An earthquake shock at Newport last evening was very generally felt. A number of panes of glass were broken in the vicinity of Mantonville and the hill houses at Stonebridge and on the Island were badly shaken. At Torpedo Station the shock was so great that the officers thought